

Dialogue on Freedom —Boise, Idaho May 2, 2003

Judge Stephen S. Trott of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals facilitated a “Dialogue on Freedom” discussion with nearly 300 Capital High School seniors in Boise on May 2, 2003 in conjunction with national and local Law Day activities.



The Dialogue on Freedom was a carefully planned discussion with high school students in their own environment designed to explore American civic values and traditions. The specific Dialogue was structured around a hypothetical situation that asks students to defend American culture and values during encounters with an imaginary nation.

The Boise ninety-minute Dialogue was organized by former 4th District Bar Association President Tom Dominick and Capital High School government teacher Jen Cudworth. Mr. Dominick and Idaho ACLU Director Jack Van Valkenburgh also participated in the discussion with students. In preparation for the Dialogue on Freedom, the students were asked to review the U.S. Constitution and Bill Of Rights, and other pertinent documents and publications. The Dialogue on Freedom was initiated by US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy after the 9/11 attacks.